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Mr. Micholes Kelley, President Rational Civil Service League 315 Firth Avenue New York 16, N. Y.

Dear Nick:

I have your letter of 22 January and am delighted to hear from you that Mr. Lyman Bickford Kirkpatrick, Jr. has been selected as one of the 10 recipients of the National Civil Service League's 1960 Career Service Awards.

I will be highly pleased to attend the dinner on 15 March and have reserved that date on my calendar to be with you. Much as I am genuinely honored by your invitation for me to become a member of the Washington Sponsorship Committee for the Awards Banquet, I sincerely regret that I will be unable to join you in this movement. In view of my present position, I have followed a firm policy of declining participation in non-governmental committees.

While we do not take part in publicity and banquet promotion matters, we nevertheless will be glad to furnish you with any additional information on Mr. Kirkpetrick. I have asked Colonel Stanley J. Grogan, one of my assistants, to get in touch with you about this.

With every best wish.

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## NATIONAL CIVIL SERVICE LEAGUE

315 Fifth Ave. New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

It is a great pleasure to inform you that Mr. Lyman Bickford Kirkpatrick, Jr., Inspector General in the Central Intelligence Agency, has been selected as one of the ten recipients of the National Civil Service League's 1960 Career Service Awards.

Mr. Kirkpatrick was chosen from among 64 nominees because of his unusual competence, character, and achievements typifying the highest principles of the public service. Aside from honoring the individuals concerned, we believe public recognition of such outstanding careers highlights in general the importance of good government in our national life.

The ten awards winners will be honored at a dinner on March 15, in Washington, at the Sheraton-Park Hotel. We sincerely hope that you will reserve this date to join us in publicly recognizing Mr. Kirkpatrick. In fact, we should like to consider you a member of a Washington Sponsorship Committee for the Awards Banquet. May we list you on the program in this capacity? To represent your department we should like for you to designate a representative to collaborate with us in publicity and banquet attendance promotion.

We would appreciate your withholding any public announcement of Mr. Kirkpatrick's selection until the League has made an official announcement.

Sincerely yours,

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Nicholas Kelley President

Honorable Allen W. Dulles

Director

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